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1. IN 77 TOWNS (EXCEPT DACCA) ACROSS BANGLADESH AUGUST 13, THE MUNICIPAL (PAURASHAVA) ELECTIONS WERE HELD IN AN ORDERLY MANNER. THERE WERE ONLY SCATTERED REPORTS OF MINOR VIOLENCE, PRINCIPALLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL TOWN OF NARAYANGANJ AND CHITTAGONG.

2. DACCA NEWSPAPERS HAVE NOT PUBLICIZED THE POLLING EXTENSIVELY AND FROM WHAT WE HAVE HEARD, VOTER ENTHUSIASM WAS MODERATE. ALTHOUGH THE CONTESTS WERE OSTENSIBLY NON-PARTISAN, UNOFFICIAL AND INCOMPLETE RETURNS SEEM TO INDICATE THAT AWAMI LEAGUE SUPPORTERS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN ABOUT 27 TOWNS AND MUSLIM LEAGUE SUPPORTERS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN ANOTHER 24. ABOUT TWELVE MUNICIPALITIES ELECTED INDEPENDENTS AND THE REST WERE SCATTERED

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AMONG NAP (BHASHANI), NAP (MUZAFFAR) AND THE UNITED PEOPLES PARTY (UPP). KHANDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMAD'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE CARRIED ONLY TWO MUNICIPALITIES. THESE REPORTS ARE, HOWEVER, SUBJECT TO REVISION WHEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN TO AVOID SOME

OF THE POLLING ABUSES NOTED DURING PRESIDENT ZIA'S REFERENDUM. TO DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM VOTING TWICE, AN INDELIBLE MARK WAS PLACED ON THE THUMB OF EACH VOTER SO THAT THE OBVIOUSLY INFLATED PARTICIPATION (AND, THEREFORE "YES") FIGURES OF MAY 30 WERE NOT REPEATED.

4. SEPARATE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN DACCA AUGUST 27. POSTERS HAVE APPEARED THOUGHOUT THE CITY IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, AND VOTER ENTHUSIASM IS INCREASING MODERATELY SUBJECT TO THE STILL EXTENT LIMITATION ON OUTDOOR CAMPAIGNING.
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